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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Replying to the restriction requirement Office Action mailed April 11, 2003, applicants hereby respectfully and provisionally elect Group I, directed to the method and presently comprising claims 1-10, without traverse and without prejudice.

Applicants accept the PTO ruling that the two inventions are patentable distinct from one another, i.e. each is prima facie non-obvious from the other. Applicants hereby authorize the examiner to delete non-elected apparatus claims 11-16 by Examiner's Amendment upon a finding of the allowability of the method claims, such deletion of course

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being without prejudice to the elected invention, and also without prejudice to applicants' rights (including those rights provided by Sections 121 and 120) to proceed with a divisional application without any penalty whatsoever.

Respectfully submitted,

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[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does <u>not</u> include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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